Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Parker Knox grew up and was educated in the Onida area and graduated from Huron College; and,

Whereas, Parker is a dedicated father to Jason, Ryan, Heather, and Holly, and proud grandfather of Olivia; and,

Whereas, Parker spent the early years of his career as a school teacher and editor/publisher of the *Onida Watchman*, and currently serves as the People Editor for the *Capital Journal* in Pierre, using this column to highlight area students for their accomplishments; and,

Whereas, Parker created the MidWeek Update as a way for college students and area residents to stay informed of each other's activities; and,

Whereas, Parker has shared his musical talents with the Pierre community in a number of ways: as piano accompanist to vocal and instrumental musicians at contests, the Over Forté Big Band, the Kiwanis Singers, and the Pierre/Ft. Pierre Area Community Christmas Concert; as organist at the First United Methodist Church; and a variety of other events and activities that require his talent as an accomplished musician; and,

Whereas, Parker has also given generously of his time to the students in Pierre's school system as a master of ceremony at the Indoor Marching Band Concerts, scorekeeper and announcer for basketball, football, and Legion 8 baseball games, and chaperone on band bus trips; and,

Whereas, Parker is an avid supporter of the Pierre-Ft. Pierre United Way as a CHAMP giver, donates blood as often as allowed, corresponds with our National Guard in Iraq, and encourages others to do so by publishing their names and addresses; and,

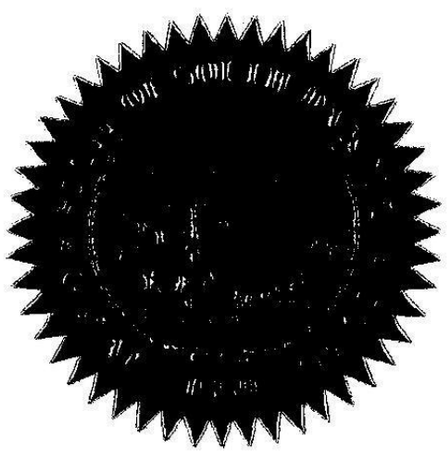
Whereas, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for one's fellow man, and Parker Knox exhibits all these qualities and more; and,

Whereas, Parker will retire on March 10, 2004, from his employment with BankWest, and on March 17, 2004, from the *Capital Journal*, and all citizens in the surrounding area will be given an opportunity to show their appreciation to Parker at an open house from 2:00–4:00 p.m., March 7, 2004, at the Riggs High School gymnasium:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 7, 2004, as

PARKER KNOX DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fifth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State